the prior approval of the Central Government, issued under sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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(2) A copy of the Central Zoo Authority Officers and (Other Employees) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 1995 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. S.O. 3131 in Gazette of India dated the 2nd December, 1995 under sub-section (2) of Section 63 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

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(3) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (2) above.

(4) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, for the year 1994-95 alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, for the year 1994-95.

(5) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for dely in laying the papers mentioned at (4) above.

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Railway Claims Tribunal (Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Services of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members) Amendment Rules, 1996

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : Sir I beg to lay on the Table:-

A copy of the Railway Claims Tribunal (Salaries and Allowances and Condtitons of Service of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members) Amendment Rules 1996 (Hindi and English Versions published in Notification No. G.S.R. 185 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 12th April, 1996, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 of the Railway Claims Tribunal Act, 1987.

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12.01 hrs.

[English]

RESIGNATION BY MEMBER

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House that I received a letter dated 9th September, 1996 from Shri Ajit Singh, an elected Member from Baghpat constituency of Uttar Pradesh, resigning from membership of Lok Sabha.

I have accepted his resignation with effect from 9th September, 1996.

12.01½ hrs

[English]

...(Interruptions)

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum): Have you received any such information from Pandit Sukh Ram?

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Sir, have you received any Information from Shri Sukh Ram because he was to come yesterday?...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I have said yesterday that I have received two letters from him informing his inability to attend the House.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Sir, according to your information he was expected today.

MR. SPEAKER: No, it is not correct.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: What was the information?...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Why don't you have patience? Please have patience. Please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I want to say something. Why don't you sit down?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: What is this?

I have received notices from 54 hon. Members for making their submissions during the Zero Hour.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please understand my position. I want to give a chance to all of you. If all of you want to get a chance, then every hon. Member would get one minute each. So, if all of you want to speak, please share the time among yourselves. But if each hon. Member takes ten minutes instead of one minute to make his or her submission, then I am not responsible for that. So, you have to regulate yourselves.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Mumbai-North East): You have to thank the other hon. Members for not having given notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, I thank them very much.

[Translation]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly): I will take just one minute. There has been a long standing demand for setting up a Doordarshan Centre at Bareilly

and the Government of India, realising the need for such a centre there, gave its approval in 1991. The Doordarshan Centre was formally inaugurated in January, 1994 and on 30.6.95, the then External Affairs Minister, Shri Salman Khurshid, inaugurated the P.G.F. Centre. But it is a matter of regret that even after one year the artists are not getting the P.G.F. facilities. Crores of rupees were spent on establishment of the Centre and lakhs of rupees are being spent every month on salaries and allowances. It has become a white elephant. Bareilly is an important centre of Uttar Pradesh. These facilities should be made available there immediately. The artists are now on strike. I request the hon. Minister to pay urgent attention to this and issue directions without delay to provide P.G.F. facilities particularly. I thank you for giving me the time.

[English]

SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN (Alleppey): Sir, in spite of repeated requests from the MPs and the Government of Kerala, the Ministry of Environment seems to be adament in its Coastal Management Plan imposing severe restrictions on coastal construction works in coastal areas. According to the provisions of the plan no construction within 500 metres from the reaches of the high tideline and within 100 metres of the backwaters and rivers is allowed.

This would create a lot of difficulties for the people of Kerala. This would adversely affect the fishermen of the State. This would also adversely affect the tourism industry of the State. The Government of Kerala and the MPs from Kerala brought these difficulties to the notice of the Government of India. But the Ministry of Environment still stick to their earlier stand on this...*(Interruptions)* Sir, this has confounded the already created confusion and anxiety in the minds of the people of Kerala. I request the Government to have an open mind on this issue and initiate immediate steps to amend the provisions of the notification and to formulate guidelines to suite the interests of the people of Kerala. As a prelude to this, I request the Government to convene a meeting of the MPs of Kerala to discuss this burning issue...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, the situation in Indian Bank is very serious. This Bank has incurred a loss of Rs. 1336.40 crore for the year 1995-96.

The accumulated loss of it comes to Rs. 1712 crore. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: They have taken notice of it. The Government has taken notice of it.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: The non-performing asset is 37.8 per cent, and the total domestic advance is Rs. 7800 crore. Its entire capital and reserves were wiped out which amounts to Rs. 1050 crore. All these things happened because of the arbitrary and corrupt practices adopted by the former Chairman of the Indian Bank. Without credit appraisal and without ascertaining the repaying capacity, the Bank has sanctioned huge loans to some selected beneficiaries which are business establishments disproportionate to their financial standing. I can mention the names of such companies. They are : MRV group whose non-performing asset is Rs. 350 crore, East-West Airlines whose non-performing asset is Rs. 150 crore, Gemini Pictures, JJ TV, Rama Rao Adik Educational Society, Saket India, Ganapati Exports, Square Deal Agency, Sinclair TV, Hemraj Mahavir Prasad Group of Calcutta, Jaya Publications, Pleasant Stay at Kodaikanal, SM Dyechem ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I expect cooperation from senior Members. Please give a chance to other hon. Members.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: In view of this, I demand a thorough probe by the CBI and punish the guilty; formation of Debt Recovery Tribunal to recover all non-performing assets and infusion of funds of Rs. 1369 crore as required by the management to put the Bank back on proper rails.

So, Sir, there should be a thorough probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation into the affairs of the Indian Bank. Thank you ...*(Interruptions)*

DR. MALLIKARJUN (Mahbubnagar): Sir, in 1956 Fazal Ali Commission was constituted to reorganise the States. This was done 48 years ago. In the meanwhile a number of demands were made for the formation of small States. I am happy that the Prime Minister has declared the formation of Uttarakhand State. At the same time, the Home Ministry is examining the feasibility for formation of Jharkhand State and Chattisgarh State.

In 1969-70, there was a historical agitation for the creation of a separate Telangana State. At that time, the students, the non-gazetted officers and the people in general were involved in the agitation. More than 300 lives were sacrificed for the separate Telangana State. In 1971 Lok Sabha elections, people of Telangana gave their mandate by electing 10 members out of 14 in the name of Telangana State. However, a compromise was made by a six-point formula which has failed ultimately.

I demand that the Prime Minister should declare the formation of a separate Telangana State and the Government may constitute the Second State Reorganisation Commission so that these demands could be sent to the State Reorganisation Commission which can work out the viability of the small statehood ...*(Interruptions)*